

**STATE OF TENNESSEE**

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 477**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1121**

**By Yager, Overbey, Black, Ketron, Marrero, Burks, Ford**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1275

By Ferguson, Naifeh, Harwell, Odom, Niceley, Matlock, West, Kernell,  
Mumpower, Fitzhugh, Ulysses Jones, McDaniel, Larry Turner, Maddox,  
Montgomery, Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 33 and Title 71, relative to  
mental retardation services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The Tennessee Code Commission is directed to change references from the "division of mental retardation services" in Tennessee Code Annotated, Titles 4, 33, and 71 to the "division of intellectual disabilities services" wherever it appears in such titles as volumes are replaced and supplements are published.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 30-1-404(a), is amended by deleting the language "idiot, or lunatic," and substituting instead the language "or person found to be incompetent,".

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: June 9, 2009**

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 23rd day of June 2009**

  
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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR